

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An anchoring apparatus for attachment to a vehicle safety device and to an anchor bolt, comprising:

a flexible connector member attachable to a vehicle safety device and to an anchor bolt having,

an end, and

a loop defining an aperture ~~configured to receive and retain~~ which receives and retains the anchor bolt, the loop configured with a twist ~~throughout a body of the loop~~; and

a fastener disposed to secure the end to the connector member and retain the twist in the loop.

Claim 2 (original): The anchoring apparatus of claim 1 wherein the connecting member comprises a fabric material.

Claim 3 (original): The anchoring apparatus of claim 1 wherein the fastener comprises stitches.

Claim 4 (original): The anchoring apparatus of claim 1 wherein the loop is configured with a plurality of twists, the fastener disposed to secure the end and retain the twists in the loop.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A method for making an anchoring apparatus and attaching the apparatus to a vehicle safety device and to an anchor bolt, the method comprising:

providing a flexible connector member having an end;

forming a loop in the connector member;

forming a twist in the loop;
securing the end to the connector member to retain the twist in the loop and to define an aperture to receive and retain the anchor bolt;
engaging the aperture with the anchor bolt; and
attaching the connector member to the vehicle safety device.

Claim 6 (original): The method for making an anchoring apparatus of claim 5, further comprising forming a plurality of twists in the loop, and wherein the step of securing the end further includes retaining the twists in the loop.

Claim 7 (original): The method for making an anchoring apparatus of claim 5, wherein the connector member comprises a fabric material.

Claim 8 (original): The method for making an anchoring apparatus of claim 5, wherein securing the end comprises stitching the end to the connector member.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): An anchoring apparatus for attachment to a safety device and to an anchor bolt, comprising:

a flexible connector member having,
an end,
a loop defining an aperture configured to receive and retain the anchor bolt, and
a knot disposed proximate to the loop and the end, the knot further defining the aperture; and
a fastener disposed to secure the end to the connector member.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The anchoring apparatus of claim 9 wherein the connecting member comprises a fabric material.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The anchoring apparatus of claim 9 wherein the fastener comprises stitches.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The anchoring apparatus of claim 9 wherein the loop is configured with a twist, the fastener disposed to retain the twist in the loop.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The anchoring apparatus of claim 9 wherein the fastener is disposed to retain the position of the knot.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The anchoring apparatus of claim 9 wherein the knot is configured as a slip knot.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): A method for making an anchoring apparatus for attachment to a safety device and to an anchor bolt, the method comprising:

providing a flexible connector member having an end;

forming a loop in the connector member, the loop defining an aperture to receive and retain the anchor bolt;

forming a knot in the connector member proximate to the loop, the knot further defining the aperture; and

securing the end to the connector member to retain the position of the loop.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The method for making an anchoring apparatus of claim 15, further comprising forming a twist in the loop, and wherein the step of securing the end further includes retaining the twist in the loop.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The method for making an anchoring apparatus of claim 15, wherein the connector member comprises a fabric material.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The method for making an anchoring apparatus of claim 15, wherein securing the end comprises stitching the end to the connector member.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The anchoring apparatus of claim 1 wherein the vehicle safety device is an airbag system.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The anchoring apparatus of claim 1 wherein the vehicle safety device is a seat belt harness.